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-- REMARKS --

Claims 1-20 remain under consideration. Claims 1-5, 14, 18-20 are allowed.

The rejection of claims 6-13 and 15-17 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, as being unpatentable over claims 6-13 and 15-17 of (US 6,655,756) to Riddiford, et al, is traversed.

Claims 6 and 15, both of which are independent, have been amended herein to require, *inter alia*, "sensing a chamber pressure" rather than "determining a chamber pressure." This amendment is supported at page 11, lines 1-22 of the present Application. Applicants believe that the amendments made herein obviate the double patenting rejection to claims 6-13 and 15-17.

SUMMARY

Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and notification of allowance are respectfully requested.

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PROCEDURAL MATTERS AND FEES

Applicant believes that no fees are occasioned by the submittal of this paper. The commissioner is authorized, however, to charge any fees or credit any refunds occasioned by submittal of this paper to deposit account number 50-1713.

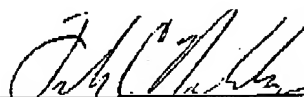
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